

Remarks

Applicant affirms the provisional election of the invention of claims 1 - 17.  
Claims 18 - 20 are withdrawn from the present application.

Claims 6 and 13 are amended to overcome the section 112 rejection.

Claim 1 is rejected as anticipated by Evans (2,082,944). Evans, however, shows connecting rod structure, but the present invention of claim 1 is directed to an implement rockshaft bearing block structure. The problems encountered with rockshaft structure in the hostile environment of an agricultural implement lift system are substantially different than those of connecting rod structure in an engine. In addition, to better define over structure such as shown in Evans, claim 1 is amended to include connector structure securing the first bearing block section to the second bearing block section and against the implement frame. The connector structure is releasable to facilitate placement of the bearing block inserts in the cavities without need to dismount the implement lift structure from the implement frame. No such structure is believed to be shown or suggested by the references, including Evans. Therefore, claim 1 as now presented, and claims 2 - 8 and 10 dependent therefrom, are believed to be in order for allowance.

Claim 11 as amended sets forth an implement lift structure for an agricultural implement frame with wear insert structure including connector structure securing a first bearing block section to a second bearing block section and against the implement frame. The connector structure is releasable to facilitate placement of bearing block inserts in the cavities without need to dismount the implement lift structure from the implement frame. This structure addresses problems peculiar to an implement working in harsh conditions (attention is directed to [0002] and [0003] of the specification) and is believed to not be shown or suggested in the references, including the Evans reference which appears to provide no relevant teaching for the structure of claim 11 which is relatively inexpensive, and easy to assemble and repair. The wear insert provides a low friction wear surface which eliminates need for frequent greasing of inconveniently located bearing areas and which has an

extensive wear life, even in the hostile environment of a heavy agricultural implement. Therefore, claim 11 and claims 12 - 17 dependent therefrom are believed to be in order for allowance.

With regard to claim 15, please note that Novoselsky 6,100,809 clearly fails to show the structure of claim 15 with anti-rotation structure adapted for support between the bearing block sections within the cavities. The anti-rotation structure has an edge defining an insert wear warning device providing an audible signal when the inserts wear to a preselected level. This simple arrangement for an agricultural implement in combination with the lift structure set forth in claim 11 is believed to not be shown or suggested by the references, including Evans and Novoselsky (showing a complicated electronic arrangement for an aircraft generator). Therefore, claim 15 is believed to be clearly allowable over the references.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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